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Department of Fisheries

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Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of Principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/Department to the Cabinet for the month of June 2020 in respect of the Department of Fisheries - Regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Secretariat's O.M. No. 1/26/1/2018 – Cab dated 19th February, 2020 on the above subject and to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of June, 2020 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decision of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees for kind information.

Encl: As above


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- 1) The Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi **(Kind Attn: Shri Bhaskar Dasgupta, Director)**
- 2) The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister office, South Block, Secretariat Building, New Delhi – 110011.
- 3) The Secretary to the President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi - 110004
- 4) The Secretary to the Vice-President, 6, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi - 110011
- 5) The Press Information Officer, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Room No. 552, A Wing Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001
- 6) The Secretaries, all Ministries/Department of Government of India
- 7) The Adviser, Agriculture Vertical, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy for information to:

- 1) PS to Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 2) PS to Hon'ble MOSs for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 3) PPS to Secretary, Department of Fisheries
- 4) PPS to AS & FA
- 5) PPS to JSs, Department of Fisheries
- 6) Technical Director, NIC, DOF with a request to upload the enclosed document in the Department website.

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Important policy decisions taken and major achievement of Department of Fisheries during the month of June, 2020

Secretary (Fisheries) took review meetings on 01.06.2020 and 17.06.2020, with the senior officers of the Department of Fisheries on various issues such as (i) progress of several initiatives and early grounding of PMMSY; (ii) sub-projects of PMMSY to be taken on mission mode; (iii) Implementation strategy for social media including press release, website and dashboard; (iv) Expenditure of Department of First Quarter (First two months) of 2020-21 and (v) e-office implementation progress and strategy of Department.

The Committee of Secretaries (CoS) in its meeting on 04th June, 2020 examined the two legislative proposals of this department, viz., Draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill, 2020 and the Draft Aquatic Animal Disease and Health Management Bill, 2020. The CoS' recommendation with regard to the aforesaid two draft bills were examined in this department and the action taken along with observations of this Department have already been communicated to Cabinet Secretariat vide OM dated 17th June, 2020.

An Expert Committee on Inland Fishery Resources (ECIFR) to assess the inland fisheries potential of the country was constituted under the co-chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) on 03.06.2020. The 1st virtual meeting of the ECIFR was held on 10.06.2020.

Secretary (Fisheries) attended a virtual meeting of Committees of Secretaries (CoS) on 11th June, 2020 where the Implementation of Economic Package Announced under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan was reviewed. Secretary, D/o Economic Affairs made the detailed presentation on the progress of implementation of the Economic package. Secretary (Fisheries) briefed about the updated status of the PMMSY scheme and implementation status of KCC in fisheries sector. Secretary (Fisheries) also attended the review meeting taken by Secretary, DEA on 12th June, 2020, and apprised the progress of implementation of Budget Announcements (2020-21) pertaining to the Department of fisheries.

Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a virtual meeting along with Officials of NITI Aayog and M/s. Deloitte and Touche India consulting LLP, reviewing the draft evaluation report of the CSS on "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" on 19th June, 2020.

A Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Fisheries on 08/06/2020 for the approval, monitoring and implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) at the Central Level viz., Central Apex Committee (CAC) and States/UTs have been advised to constitute their State Level/Union Territory Approval and Monitoring Committee (SLAMC) and District Level Committee (DLC). Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the 1st virtual meeting with all CAC members, which was held on 22nd June, 2020 for formulation of implementation strategies and finalisation of operational Guidelines of PMMSY scheme. Further, operational guidelines of PMMSY have also been issued to all States/UTs on 24th June, 2020 with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. The Administrative approval of the PMMSY scheme was issued on 12/06/2020 and the Department has written to the Ministry of finance for creation of a new head of account.

Secretary (Fisheries) attended a virtual round table conference on Development of Fisheries in the country on 24th June, 2020, which was organized by FICCI. A webinar on watershed moment and landmark reforms in Indian Agriculture was attended by Secretary (Fisheries) organized by AgriBazaar - India's Largest Online Agri -Trading Marketplace, along with Secretary (Agriculture), Secretary (Animal Husbandry and Dairying) and Secretary (Food Processing Industries). This was attended by over 5000 participants from several countries. Secretary (Fisheries) also participated in a webinar on "Ushering a New Dawn in Agri Reforms, Strategic Policy shifts and policy makers" (Secretaries to Govt. of India), which was organized by CEO CLUBS INDIA on 26th June, 2020. Secretary (Fisheries) also attended a Conclave on "Dairy and Fisheries – Making Rural India Self Reliant", organized by CII on 26th June, 2020 which was attended by large number of entrepreneurs and farmers and the Agriculture & Fisheries Minister of Haryana was the chief guest.

Secretary (Fisheries) attended a meeting on 29th June, 2020 through Video Conference (VC) which was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), on the decision of the Cabinet to set up Project Development Cells (PDCs) in all Ministries/Departments to accelerate investments in the country through development of investible projects in coordination between Central Government and State Governments. Accordingly, a PDC has been set up in the Department of Fisheries.

Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India, along with Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble MOS and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble MOS have launched the quarterly e-newsletter of the Department of Fisheries 'Matsya Sampada' followed by release of booklet of Operational Guidelines of the PMMSY scheme, on 30th June, 2020.

The existing National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD) has been extended for an interim period of six months beyond 30th June, 2020 with funding support under PMMSY scheme.

Fisheries Institutes/Autonomous Bodies:

- i. Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS assumed charge as Chief Executive of National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad on 26th June, 2020.
- ii. The scientists of Mumbai Base of Fishery Survey of India attended International webinar on "Marine Policy-How to get Published" organized by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Central Library on 06.06.2020 and another webinar on "Launch of The State of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture" organized by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) held on 08.06.2020.
- iii. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET), a subordinate institute of Department of Fisheries continued the training program through online classes for the students of regular courses viz BFSc (NS) degree course and NCVT trade courses, the Vessel Navigator Course (VNC) and Marine Fitter course (MFC) as per the planned time table. The online classes were conducted both by CIFNET headquarters and its units.
- iv. The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) has produced about 7 tonnes of value added fisheries products through freezing, drying, value addition and canning processes.
- v. The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Director of Fisheries, Odisha, regarding design fleet size for the proposed fishing harbour project at Gopalpur (Arjipalli) in Ganjam District, Odisha.

Fisheries International Cooperation

- i. Secretary (Fisheries) along with both Joint Secretaries of Department of Fisheries participated in a virtual meeting on Special Session of 10th Meeting of the Governing Council (GCM-10) of Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO) which was held on 25th June, 2020 and attended by delegates of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- ii. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) had written to this Department, calling for expression of interest for country participation in the IMO-FAO-Norway GloLitter Partnerships (GLP) project. The Department of Fisheries has conveyed its interest for India's Participation in the IMO-FAO-Norway GloLitter Partnerships (GLP) project as a Lead Partnering Country (LPC) for South Asia Region with co-financing liability limited to 'in kind' only.